

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A safety for reducing the risk of injury to a ~~vehicle~~ an occupant of a vehicle in the event of lateral impact, ~~said safety device~~ comprising:

at least one cushion element which is arranged on the vehicle laterally adjacent to an occupant position and can be moved by an actuating device having a traction device comprised of a cable or a belt from a rest position into a deployed position in the direction of the occupant position, wherein~~[[.]]~~ the traction device is storable on a store, and

a vehicle-mounted drive for driving the actuating device ~~is driven by a vehicle-mounted drive; and , wherein~~

the vehicle-mounted comprises an electric motor~~[[.]]~~ that drives the store.

Claim 2 (Previously Amended) The safety device as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

the cushion element is arranged in or on a door or in or on a body pillar of

the vehicle.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) The safety device as claimed in claim 1,  
wherein:

a plurality of the at least one of the cushion elements ~~and/or~~ and  
additional foam elements are arranged in series.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) The safety device as claimed in claim [[1]]  
3, wherein:

the at least one of the cushion elements ~~and/or~~ and additional foam  
elements are arranged such that they can be displaced with respect to one  
another.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended) The safety device as claimed in claim [[1]]  
3, wherein:

the at least one of cushion elements ~~and/or~~ and the additional foam  
elements are at least indirectly guided by linear guides.

Claim 6 (Previously Amended): The safety device as claimed in claim 1,  
wherein:

the cushion element can be locked in a deployed position.

Claim 7 (Canceled)

Claim 8 (Currently Amended) The safety device as claimed in claim [[7]]  
1, wherein:

the traction means is stored, at least in sections, in or on a store.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended) The safety device as claimed in claim 8,  
wherein:

the traction ~~means~~ device can be wound in or onto the store; and

~~the store can be driven by the vehicle-mounted drive.~~

Claim 10-12 (Canceled)

Claim 13 (Currently Amended) The safety device as claimed in claim 1,  
wherein:

at least one return element is provided for moving the at least one cushion  
element from [[a]] the deployed position into the rest position.

Claim 14 (Previously Amended) The safety device as claimed in claim 13,  
wherein:

the return element comprises at least one tension spring.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended) Method for operating a safety device for a  
motor vehicle for reducing the risk of injury to a vehicle occupant in the event of  
an ~~eminent~~ imminent impact accident, said device comprising:

at least one cushion element which is arranged on the vehicle laterally adjacent to an occupant position; and

an actuating device having a traction device comprised of a cable or belt for moving said cushion element from a rest position into a deployed position in ~~the~~ a direction of the occupant position;

~~wherein~~ the method comprising driving the actuating device is driven by an electric motor[[.]] , and driving a store with the electric motor for winding the cable or belt in or onto the store.